Development of Pastures and Greenland in Himachal Pradesh

697. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minster of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a great scope of development of pastures and grassland in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether the Himachal Pradesh Government has chalked out any plan in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof and when it is likely to be implemented;

(d) whether Government propose to supplement funds to the State Government for the purpose, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) indicating the amount earmarked for this purpose during Eighth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) to (e) The information is being collected from the State Government of Himachal Pradesh and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha as soon as received.

Removal of unmanned level crossing at Hissar-Rewari Sections

698. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hissar Section of Bikaner Division has cancelled the siding at point 'B' in Hissar which was being exclusively used by M|s. Haryana Tube Mfg. Company, Hissar, due to illegal allotment of that siding;

(b) whether an unmanned level crossing at KM. 137-12-13 at Hissar-Rewari of Bikaner Division was removed due to safety reasons

(c) whether Government propose to open the said siding as well as unmanned crossing; and

(d) if so, what remedial action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir; as M|s. Haryana Tube Mfg. Company, Hissar failed to fulfil the stipulated terms and conditions.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Collection of Demurrage Charges from Mis. Haryana Tube Manufacturing Company Hissar

699. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hissar Section of Bikaner Division has collected Rs. 30 lakhs from M|s. Haryana Tube Manufacturing Company, Hissar as demurrage during the last year;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that in this connection a case is pending before the District Court Hissar, which is being represented by an advocate on behalf of Railways;

(c) if so, whether the advocate who fighting in favour of the Railways has been transferred; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) An amount of Rs. 30 lakhs approximately was collected in two cases from M|s. Haryana Tube Manufacturing Company Hissar more than 2|1-2 years ago on account of demmurage, wharfage, unloading charges, etc.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The Railway Advocate is continuing to represent the Railways.